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**Electronic Monitoring and GPS Tracking Devices:**

On February 23, the Los Angeles Times issued an article titled "Paroled Sex Offenders Disarming Tracking Devices" which reported that thousands of paroled sex offenders in California are removing or disabling their court-ordered GPS tracking devices. It further reported that the warrants issued for these violators in 2012 increased 28% over the prior year, however, the penalties are significantly lower as a result of Realignment. Prior to Realignment, the maximum penalty was up to a year in prison. Post Realignment, the maximum penalty is 180 days in county jail which many offenders do not serve.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Probation Officer and the Sheriff to report on the concerns raised in the Los Angeles Times article during the March 5<sup>th</sup> set item on Realignment. The report should include, but not be limited to:

1. The number and types of offenders placed on electronic monitoring and/or GPS tracking devices by the Probation and the Sheriff's Departments;
2. The number of warrants issued and arrests made for unauthorized removal and/or disarming of monitoring and/or GPS tracking devices;
3. The actual consequences to the offenders in light of Realignment; and,
4. Recommendations on minimizing the risk to public safety when utilizing these devices.

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